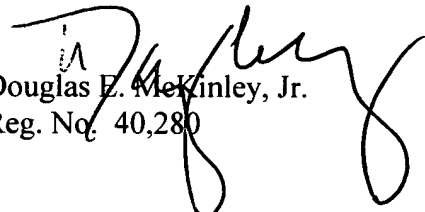


Appl. No. 10/045,948  
Amdt. dated September 7, 2005  
Reply to Office action of June 16, 2005

**Remarks/Arguments**

The Examiner has indicated claims 21-25 as allowable subject matter, and claims 6 and 10 would be allowable subject matter if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Accordingly, the Applicant has rewritten claims 6 and 10 in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims, and has cancelled claims 1-5, 7-9, 11-20. Applicant has made an earnest attempt to place the above referenced application in condition for allowance and action toward that end is respectfully requested. Should the examiner have any further observations or comments, he is invited to contact the undersigned for resolution.

Respectfully submitted,

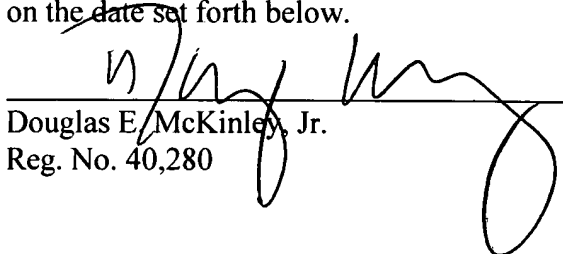
  
Douglas E. McKinley, Jr.  
Reg. No. 40,280

PO Box 202  
Richland, WA 99352  
Voice (509) 628-0809  
Fax (509) 628-2307

The undersigned hereby certifies that the forgoing Amendment dated September 7, 2005 in reply to the office action of June 16, 2005 (5 pages), and return postcard are being deposited with the United States Postal Service as First Class Mail, postage prepaid, in an envelope addressed to

Mail Stop AF  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

on the date set forth below.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Douglas E. McKinley, Jr.  
Reg. No. 40,280

September 7, 2005  
Date